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FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF GILLIES (PROGRESSIVE CONSER-
VATIVE NUCLEAR CRITIC) AND MACEACHEN (SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) EXCHANGE DURING QUESTION PERIOD
IN HOUSE JULY 29:

BEGIN TEXT: ALLEGATION ARGENTINA DIVERTED PLUTONIUM WASTE
FROM NUCLEAR POWER STATION -- GOVERNMENT POSITION.

MR. GILLIES: MR. SPEAKER, MY QUESTION IS FOR THE SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK HIM
WHAT ACTION CANADA HAS TAKEN IN LIGHT OF THE REPORT BY UNITED
STATES INTELLIGENCE SOURCES THAT ARGENTINA HAS DIVERTED SOME
50 KILOGRAMS OF PLUTONIUM WASTE FROM ITS ATUCHA ATOMIC POWER
STATION, AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE FIVE ATOMIC BOMBS.
WHAT ATTITUDE IS THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TAKING IN RE-
SPECT OF THIS?

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MR. MACEACHEN: MR. SPEAKER, OUR ATTITUDE WITH

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REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IS CONDITIONED BY OUR EFFORT TO SECURE WITH ARGENTINA THE MOST RIGID SAFEGUARDS POSSIBLE. AS THE HON. MEMBER KNOWS WE HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED OUR BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH ARGENTINA. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS STILL TO BE DETERMINED WHICH ARE IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION.

MR. GILLIES: MR. SPEAKER, I HAVE A SUPPLEMENTARY AGAIN FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. I AM WONDERING WHETHER THE MINISTER CAN TELL US WHETHER OR NOT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHETHER IN FACT IT IS TRUE THAT ARGENTINA HAS DIVERTED THIS AMOUNT OF PLUTONIUM FROM ONE OF ITS STATIONS SO THAT IT COULD, IN FACT, BUILD ATOMIC BOMBS.

MR. MACEACHEN: MR. SPEAKER, IN GENERAL, OF COURSE, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES AS PART OF THE EXPORTER GROUP HAVE BEEN CONSULTING GENERALLY ON THESE QUESTIONS, BUT ON THIS PARTICULAR POINT I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK AND WILL DO SO. END TEXT. PORTER

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